

REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 3, 2005 for the above-identified application.

In the Office communication mailed July 5, 2007, the Examiner has alleged that the claims are directed to eight inventions that are not linked to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, and has required election of a single group of claims. In response to the requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-3 and 5-7, for continued prosecution on the merits, and reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Examiner has further alleged that the claims are directed to more than one species of the generic invention, and has required election of species from SEQ ID NO: 1-5, 9, 10 and the cleavage product of cadherin. Applicants elect SEQ ID NO: 1 as the species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is held to be allowable. Claims 1-4 read on the elected species.

Favorable consideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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